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From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: ASSIGNMENT OF NAMES TO GUIDED MISSILE DESTROYERS

- 1. <u>Purpose</u>. To advise addressees of the approved names for three guided missile destroyers authorized for construction.
- 2. <u>Classification and Name</u>. The following names are hereby effective.

CLASSIFICATION	<u>NAME</u>	
DDG 82	LASSEN	
DDG 83	HOWARD	
DDG 84	BULKELEY	

3. Name Sources

- a. LASSEN (DDG 82) honors Commander Clyde Everett Lassen, USN (1942-1994), awarded the Medal of Honor for his daring rescue of two downed aviators while in command of a search and rescue helicopter in Vietnam. One previous ship LASSEN (AE 3) (1941-1947), named for a peak in the Lassen Volcanic National Park, California, received three battle stars during World War II.
- b. HOWARD (DDG 83) honors Gunnery Sergeant Jimmie E. Howard, USMC (1929-1993), awarded the Medal of Honor for his courageous leadership of an eighteen-man platoon against a battalion-sized Viet Cong force near Danang, Vietnam on 23 February 1969. Despite receiving severe wounds from an enemy grenade, Sergeant Howard distributed ammunition to his men and directed air strikes against the enemy. By dawn his beleaguered platoon still held their position. Sergeant Howard had also received a Silver Star Medal for service in Korea. A previous HOWARD (DD 179) (1920-1945), named for Charles W. Howard, a Navy hero of the Civil War, earned six battle stars for World War II service.

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c. BULKELEY (DDG 84) honors Admiral John Duncan Bulkeley, USN (1911-1996), recipient of the Medal of Honor, Navy Cross, and numerous other decorations for his heroic actions during World War II. While in command of Motor Torpedo Boat Squadron 3 in 1942, he evacuated General MacArthur and President Quezon of the Philippines through Japanese lines. He remained behind to fight a holding action until all resistance in the Philippines had collapsed. He later commanded PT Squadron 102 during the Normandy invasion and participated in the invasion of Southern France. In 1967, Admiral Bulkeley became President of the Board of Inspection and Survey, where he continued to serve after being transferred to the retired list on 1 January 1974.

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